

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Science and Technology

SUBJECT : IDEALIST/TACKLE Mission C069C

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1. IDEALIST/TACKLE Mission C069C was flown on 8 April 1969, utilizing the "H" Camera and [REDACTED] system. The route was designed to remain off shore in order to obtain photo and ELINT coverage of South China coastal area.

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2. U-2R aircraft, 058, departed [REDACTED] on its maiden operational mission at 08/0200Z and landed at 08/0635Z for a mission duration of 4+35 hours. The pilot was [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] This was his first operational mission along with the first completed IDEALIST operational mission for calendar year 1969.

3. The weather along the route was forecast to be category I and II (0 to 2/8 cloud cover) with scattered cirrus clouds and light haze. Pilot reported the weather as category I to abeam Canton, category I and III from there to a point abeam Swatow, and category 5 for the remainder of the route. Light haze was present throughout the mission.

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5. At 0538Z abeam of Lunci airfield, the pilot reported system

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There was no other activity. The aircraft and all equipment, with the exception of the doppler navigator and [REDACTED] operated satisfactorily throughout the entire mission. The doppler was in memory for approximately three hours and the pilot inadvertently left the system 17B recorder switch in standby position.

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